

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1928 - HB 2217

April 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C felony for any immigrant who is not a legally documented immigrant to knowingly provide a public servant with false immigration papers in order to obtain any public benefit for indigent persons.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$79,300/Incarceration*
Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

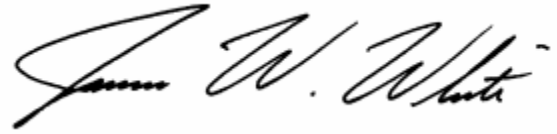
Assumptions:

- The Department of Corrections estimates five additional Class C felony convictions each year resulting in a \$79,300 increase in expenditures.
- The majority of programs the Department of Health offers are exempt from requiring verification of immigration status by federal law.
- The Department of Human Services requires referral to the Director of Investigation for review if an applicant or recipient of services is suspected of giving false information.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director